

FHSU General Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Bradley Will, Chair

Date: Thursday November 12, 2020

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: <https://fhsu.zoom.us/j/94675596647>

Members

Douglas Drabkin (AHSS)

Marcella Marez (AHSS)

Christina Glenn (BE)

David Schmidt (BE)

Sarah Broman Miller (Ed)

Phillip Olt (Ed)

Glen McNeil (HBS)

Denise Orth (HBS)

Joe Chretien (STM)

Lanee Young (STM)

Robyn Hartman (Lib)

Helen Miles (Senate)

Isaiah Schindler (SGA)

Cheryl Duffy (Goss Engl)

Tanya Smith (Grad Sch)

3:33 (1 minute) All members were present with the exception of Hartman. Duffy served as proxy for Hartman. Determined that a quorum was met.

3:34 (1 minute) The minutes from last week's meeting were approved.

3:35 (17 minutes) Chair and Olt reported back to the committee on how their meeting went with Grady Dixon, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics. What had occasioned this meeting were the repeated proposals we have been receiving for courses to satisfy the 2.1D outcomes (natural scientific mode of inquiry) that fail to connect well with the outcomes. (See the minutes for 10/15 at 3:38, for 11/5 at 3:32, and now 11/12 at 3:53.) What became clearer to Dixon from the meeting was that what we are really only focusing on in these CORE proposals are the outcomes, how the course prepares students to achieve these outcomes, and how these outcomes are assessed (assignments and rubrics). What became clearer to Chair and Olt from the meeting was that faculty members preparing these proposals would like more prescriptive feedback -- basically, instructions on what they need to fix to get their proposals approved.

3:53 (32 minutes) The committee considered and quickly **tabled** a proposal for GSCI 101: Elements of Physical Geology to satisfy outcomes 2.1D.1-2 (the first two of the natural scientific mode of inquiry outcomes). The immediate problem was a disconnect between the outcomes and their assessment, most obviously for outcome 1 but for outcome

2 as well. Most of the discussion turned to what to do next. In the end it was decided to go with something that had been proposed last week -- to work closely with one professor and develop a good proposal to serve as a model for 2.1D course proposals going forward. It was decided to approach Gavin Buffington (Physics) about this; he had met with us on October 15 about a proposal for PHYS 208: Elementary Meteorology to satisfy 2.1D.1-2. Chair will meet with Buffington about this.

4:25 (3 minutes) The committee considered and unanimously **approved** a proposal for PHIL 120: Introduction to Philosophy to satisfy the three 2.1.E outcomes. Would that all of these were so straightforward.

4:28 Meeting ended. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 17.

Submitted by D. Drabkin, Recording Secretary

